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TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK

Thursday, January, 25 2018

Point-in-Time Count
2018

AGENDA

Welcome

Why do we count?

Changes to the 2018 PIT

Quick PIT overview

Sim Tech

Q&A

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WHY A POINT-IN-TIME

FUNDING

• Eligibility to apply for CoC funds

EXTENT

• Trends of homelessness in the local area
• Characteristics of those experiencing homelessness
• New programs

AWARENESS

• Raise community awareness
• Raise political awareness

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PIT + HIC = ❤️

PIT Measures People + **HIC Measures Housing** = **Who & Capacity for Crisis**

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2018 PIT Changes

1. Consistent with the updated 2017 HMIS Data Dictionary, HUD changed the "Don't identify as male, female, or transgender" gender response option to "Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)."
2. HUD is requiring that data reported on survivors of domestic violence should be limited to reporting on those who are currently experiencing homelessness because they are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as opposed to reporting on survivors who have ever experienced these circumstances.
3. CoCs are now required to report the number of children of parenting youth families where the parent is under 18 separate from the children of parenting youth families where the parent is aged 18 to 24.

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WHO IS HOMELESS?

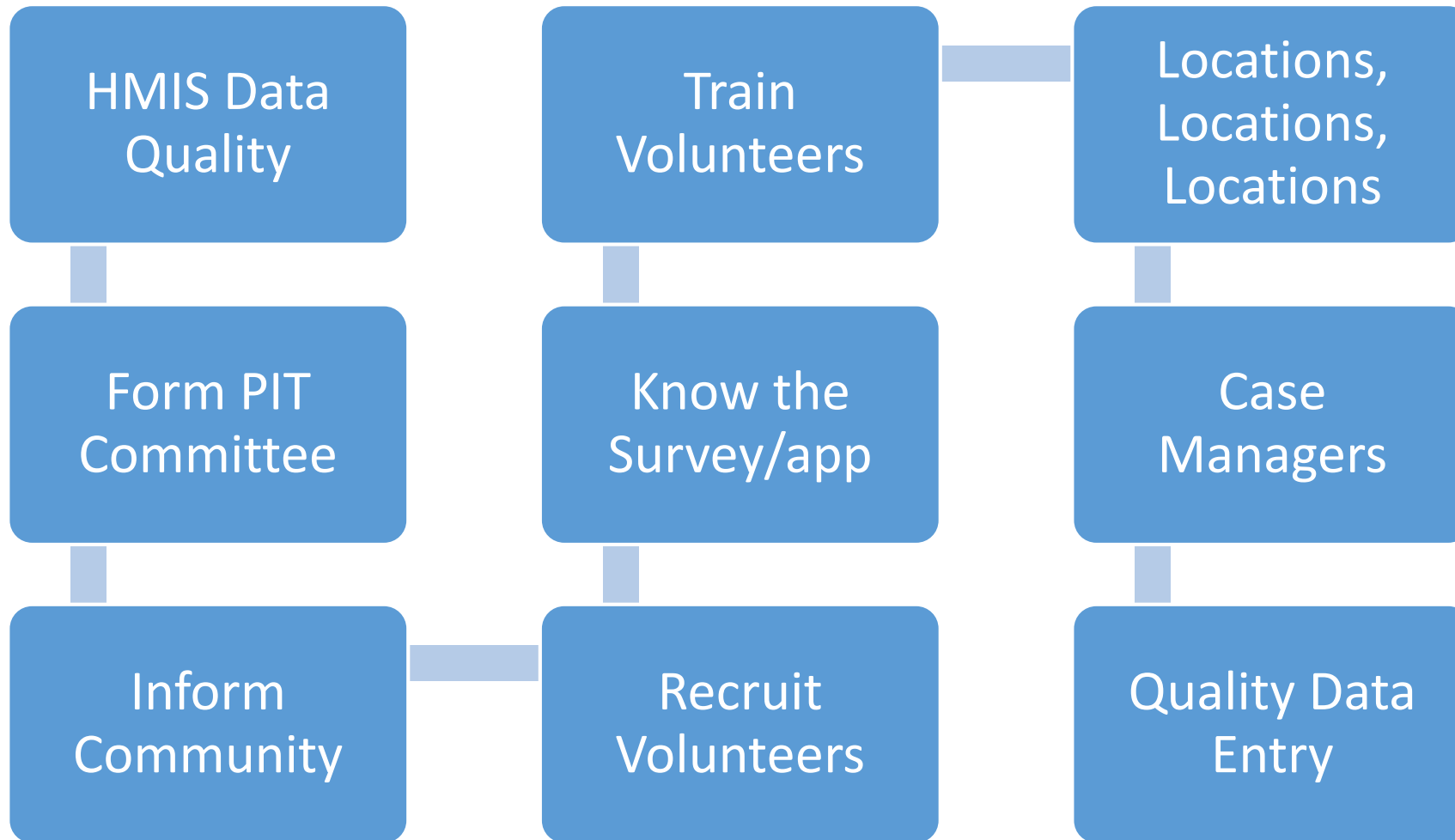**Individuals & Families Living In:**

- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- Safe Haven (none in TX BoS)
- Hotel/Motel paid for by voucher
- Places not meant for human habitation

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WHO IS NOT HOMELESS?

Individuals & Families Living In:

- Doubled-up situations
- Substandard housing
- PSH program
- Rapid Re-housing program
- Hotel/Motel paid for with own funds
- Locations using HUD-VASH vouchers
- Shelters designed for foster care or DFPS children
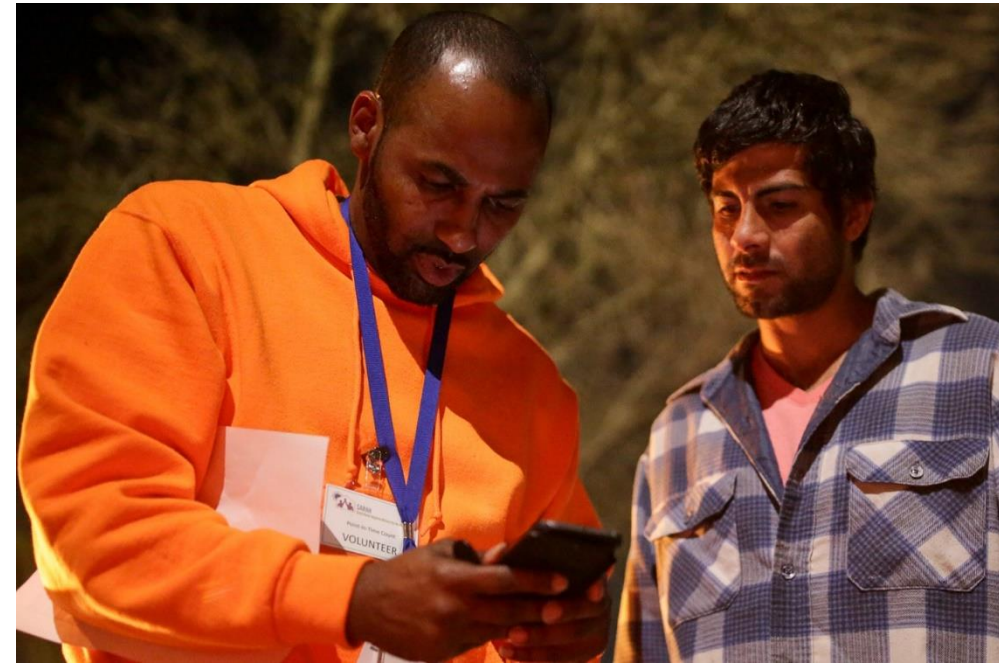
SUCCESSFUL PIT COUNT

HMIS Data Quality	Train Volunteers	Locations, Locations, Locations
Form PIT Committee	Know the Survey/app	Case Managers
Inform Community	Recruit Volunteers	Quality Data Entry

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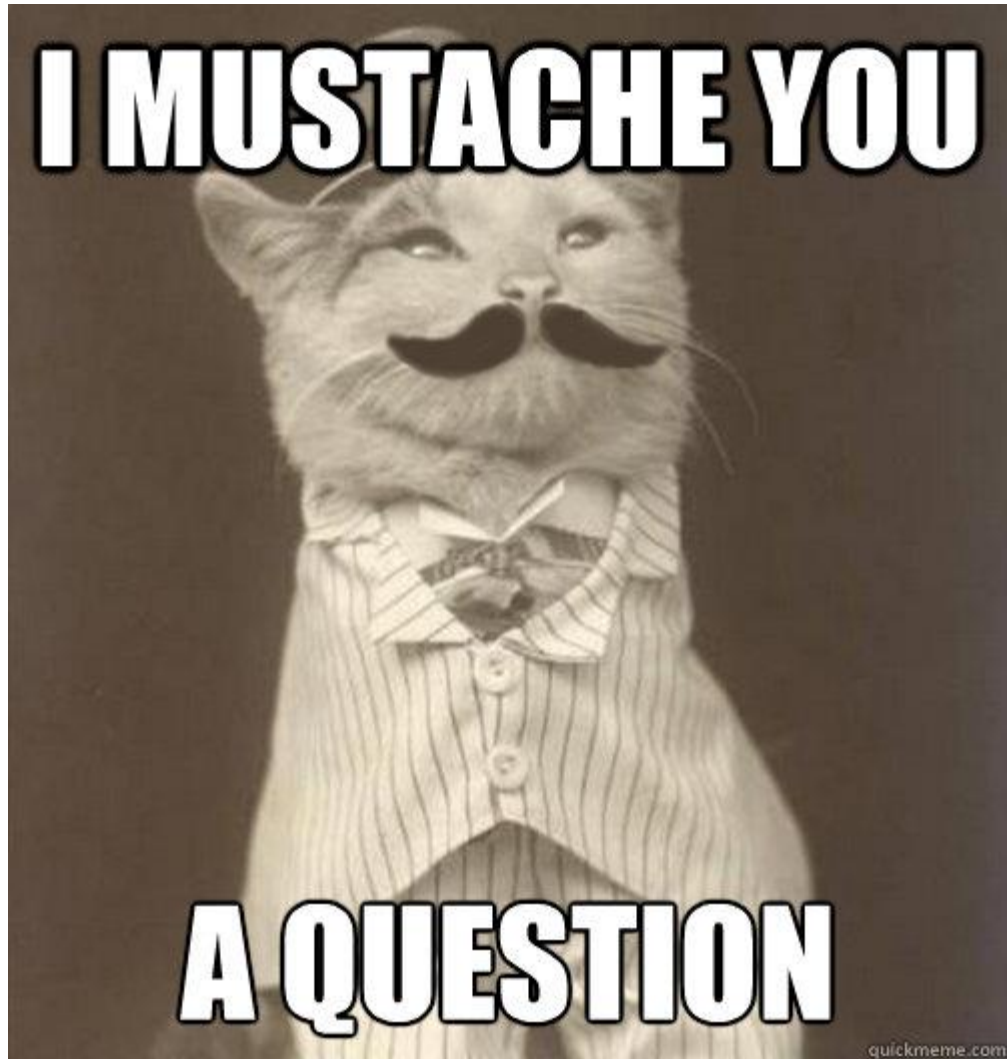# 2018 PIT Materials

Simtech Solutions Inc.

Counting Us App Training

Addressing your concerns:

- Concerns about volunteers use of app:
  - The app is intuitive
  - Simtech provides support documentation
  - Need to have a plan when people sign up to download, register and practice the app
  - Volunteers can get comfortable if they have some time in advance

- Concerns about people who are homeless responding to the app:
  - Some participants may be reluctant to use an app but we have not heard this at all
  - App does not require a name or DOB or any identifying information – same as paper.
  - Technology is everywhere – going to an emergency room and accessing services
  - Paper can be a back up

- The app is better than paper for managing data quality

- DV orgs and using Simtech Excel tool